

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application  
**PCT/CN2003/000096**, filed **28 January 2003**, which designated the U.S. and the  
entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following  
amended paragraph:

In the scheme: a. triphenylphosphine, diethyl azodicarboxylate, 2-(*N*-  
~~carbobenzoxy~~*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-methylamino)ethanol, tetrahydrofuran; b.  
trifluoracetic acid, dichloromethane; c. 2-fluoropyridine, reflux; d. 1*N* lithium  
hydroxide, tetrahydrofuran/methanol (3:1).

Page 7, paragraph 1, line 6, replace (2) with the new (2) below.  
(2) (*2R*)-2-[*N*-(*trans*-4-isopropylcyclohexylcarbonyl)amino]-3-[4-[2-(5-methyl-2-  
phenyl-4-oxazolyl)ethoxy]phenyl]propionic acid;

Page 7, paragraph 1, line 8, replace (3) with the new (3) below.  
(3) (*2S*)-2-[*N*-(*trans*-4-isopropylcyclohexylcarbonyl)amino]-3-[4-[2-[*N*-methyl-  
*N*-(2-benzoxazolyl)amino]ethoxy]phenyl] propionic acid;

Page 7, paragraph 1, line 36, replace (16) with the following amended  
(16).

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(16)(2*R*)-2-[N-(*trans*-4-isopropylcyclohexylcarbonyl)amino]-3-(4-methoxyphenyl) propionic acid;

Page 13, line 15, replace the paragraph beginning "Using 4-trifluoromethylbenzyl..." with the following amended paragraph.

Using 4-trifluoromethylbenzyl alcohol and compound (*S*)-B as starting materials, ethyl ether as solvent, the captioned compound was prepared following the procedure as of compound 211. Yield : 60.6%. m.p. 171-172°C.  
[ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> 53.9 (c, 0.285, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Page 16, line, 6, replace the first paragraph after "Example 16:" with the following amended paragraph.

(2*R*)-2[N-(*trans*-4-isopropylcyclohexylcarbonyl)amino]-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propionic acid (16)